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The Appropriations.

Chairman George Fisher of the Town Council, in all his public utterances thus far, has taken a decided stand against any increase this year in appropriation of money for any public purpose whatsoever. Members of the Council have given expression to the same sentiment, and there appears to be a unanimity of opinion among the Councilmen on that subject, and a prospect of harmonious action along that line. The test will come, of course, when the Councilmen come to act upon the appropriations.

By frequent and firm declarations against any increase, the Councilmen have given the taxpayers reason to believe that the attitude assumed in advance will be adhered to.

If the Councilmen were confined in their action to the appropriations that are termed for general town purposes, and which appropriations are expended by the several sub-committees of the Council, there would not be much room for any doubt as to the ability of the Council to carry out its programme to the letter.

But the Council is in part responsible for the amount of money to be expended by two other departments of the town government, although the Council will have no voice or control in the expenditures. These departments are the Board of Education and the Board of Health. By virtue of being in the majority in the Board of Estimate, the members of the Council are in a position to dictate the sums that shall be voted to the Board of Education and to the Board of Health, and if the majority decides that every department of the town government must accept and abide by the same rigid rule of economy that the Council proposes to apply to itself in the matter of appropriations, the disapproval of a few will not weigh much against the general satisfaction of the many with the promise of an administration of affairs that is likely to bring about reduced taxation.

Van Winkle Golden Wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. James G. Van Winkle of East Passaic avenue, Brookdale, gave a reception Wednesday night at their home to a large company of relatives and friends in honor of their fiftieth anniversary of their wedding. The house was decorated with apple blossoms, palms and cut flowers. The mantles, stairs and windows were festooned with yellow. At the celebration was Miss Rachael A. Gueman, a sister of Mrs. Van Winkle, who was bridesmaid at the wedding fifty years ago. She showed the guests a handkerchief which she carried on the wedding day half a century ago.

Bloomfield.

The Board of Trade has issued an attractive pamphlet descriptive of the town of Bloomfield as a suburban residence place. The pamphlet contains thirty pages of reading matter and illustrations. The booklet is from the press of Lamberson, Sherwood & Co., New York city, and is an artistic piece of press work. The booklet is for public distribution, and is issued for the purpose of setting forth the advantages of Bloomfield as a place of suburban residence. The Press Committee of the Board of Trade had charge of the work of issuing the booklet, and the cost was defrayed by public subscription.

By Trolley to Trenton.

The Public Service Corporation put its New York and Trenton trolley service in operation yesterday. Four cars each way now run daily between Newark and Trenton. One car made the distance between Newark and Trenton yesterday in four hours and thirty-five minutes.

Relieving the New Chief.

James Y. Nicol, the newly appointed chief of the fire department, is the recipient of much assistance and advice in the selection of assistant engineers. There appears to be no need of Mr. Nicol doing any thinking over the matter of selections. Others are willing to do it for him.

Death of Michael Walters.

Michael Walters, aged 63 years, died at his home on Upper Broad street Thursday night after a lingering illness. Mr. Walters was well known throughout the county. He was engaged in the pickle business and had an automobile.

Assessment of Property.

Section two of the new tax act provides that all property real and personal, within the jurisdiction of this State not expressly exempted by the act or excluded from its operation shall be subject to annual taxation at its true value. Each and every assessor is required to take affidavit to the duplicate that all property has been assessed at what it would sell for at a fair sale or any private contract.

As stated by Mr. Justice Lippincott: "The duty is a plain one—to assess property uniformly and at its true value. There exists no such thing as a seventy per cent, or an eighty or fifty per cent. value. It is the true value under all the circumstances and surroundings of the property, and whenever a public officer, whose duty it is to assess, willfully fixes a higher or lower value than the true one, it is neglect of public duty and a misconduct in office. It is then wilful malfeasance or misfeasance, and the liability of a public official is the same in both cases." It is sometimes urged in extenuation of the custom of undervaluation that it can work no harm so long as all the property in the taxing district is assessed at a uniform percentage of true value, but it is rarely that a definite percentage is selected or adhered to. It not only leads to valuations based solely on arbitrary figures, but it results in the grossest inequalities in the apportionment of the county taxes, for where the assessor of one taxing district may assess property at one-third of its value, the assessor in a neighboring taxing district may assess at one-half or one-fourth, and still another at double the value.

The statutory provision requiring assessors to assess all property at its true value applies of course to personal as well as to real property. Tangible personal property is assessable in the taxing district where it is found, and intangible personal property is assessable to the owner where he resides on the twentieth day of May in each year. Tangible personal property includes household and office furnishings, personal effects, goods in stock, storage or process of manufacture, machinery not a part of real estate, live stock, vehicles, water craft, and other visible property. Intangible personal property includes credits, money on hand or on deposit in banks, safe deposit or trust companies, shares of stock in State and National banks, capital stock of trust companies, and other investments not exempt from taxation, such as shares of stock in corporations not chartered in New Jersey, when the tax on the same has not been paid in another State within the last twelve months.

Eagle Rock Water Company.

In connection with the numerous features of the water problem, it is of more than passing interest to note the doings of the Eagle Rock Water Company, which has made proposals to this town for a supply of water. It has contracted for the services of Eugene A. McMurray as consulting engineer, and has engaged the services of the chief engineer of a company which supplies one of the largest cities in this vicinity as consulting engineer, thus increasing the engineer staff to a total of four. These engineers in the past two weeks have made frequent visits to the site of the proposed supply, with a view to studying the exact conditions and locating wells, power house, stand pipes, main connections, etc. Several contractors have also been on the ground, among others being Messrs. P. H. & J. Conlon, the well-known contractors of Newark.

The company evidently intends to be prepared to commence work at once if it is awarded a contract, and it would appear that the directors of the company have great confidence in the water situation, and more than ordinary assurance of doing business with the town. It is stated upon good authority that the company will not press the proposition to sell a complete plant to the town for \$65,000, but will get into line to bid on selling water to the town by the million gallons. The Glen Ridge authorities are said to lean very favorably toward this company as a source of supply. Rumor also has it that the company will shortly issue printed matter making public its prospects and projects.

Water Bonds Progressing.

The Supreme Court on Wednesday confirmed the action taken Monday by the Boards of Registry and Elections in this town in canvassing the result of the vote on the special election on January 19.

Vendors' Licenses.

The police department issued a number of peddlers and vendors' licenses during the past week. Several junkmen and peanut vendors were taken into custody by the police and released upon payment of the license fee.

Needs of Every Home.

The making of awnings, window-shades and slip-covers for furniture is done by L. S. Plant & Co. promptly and by experts. Estimates are cheerfully furnished. They also keep complete stocks of porch screens, mosquito nettings, mosquito canopies, straw porch seats, hammocks, hammock spreaders, ropes and hooks, muslin, net and cross stripe curtains, summer-couch covers of linen and tapestry; porch and hammock pillows and the hundreds of other things you would look for in a store that has

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TRICKS IN THE SILK TRADE.

How Shoppers Are Fooled—Tests Which Show the Pure Material.

Pure silk, when it has been through all the processes necessary to bring out all its good qualities, is worth its weight in silver, said an expert the other day. Therefore the women who expect to buy pure silk at little more than the price of cotton must expect to be fooled, and there are lots of ways by which the manufacturer gets even with them.

They make stuff that is called silk and passes for it with credulous persons who don't know any better out of nearly any old thing now. One favorite imitation silk is made of cellulose treated with chemicals. It isn't a good material to get on fire in. Then there are south sea island cottons and some mercerized cotton which after treatment look something like silk, though of course they wear very differently, and their silken appearance soon vanishes.

But it is in adulterating goods which really have some silk in them that the greatest skill is exercised to deceive the buyer. To obtain the required rustle and body rough floss is often used for the wool of the material. This soon causes it to wear shabby.

Another trick is to increase the weight and apparent solidity of a flimsy silk material by using metallic salts in the dye vats. Pressing with some kinds of silk increases the weight also, but at the sacrifice of strength. Cheap, crackly, stiff silk which has heavy cords is good silk to avoid. It won't wear.

There are several tests which reveal readily the purity of a piece of silk. The microscope of course will show it at once, even to an unpracticed eye. Pure silk has the appearance of fine, smooth tubes. Another good test is by burning. Pure silk burns slowly, with a slight odor. Cotton fares up quickly, and would throw off a decidedly disagreeable smell.

Then the tongue will readily reveal the presence of metallic salts. There is no mistaking their taste. But all these may be disregarded, said the expert, when silk is offered for the price of cotton. You need not bother to test that stuff.—New York Sun.

Antiquity of Man.

From a review in Science of De Mortillet's great work on prehistoric times the following is condensed. Twelve chapters are devoted to the question of tertiary man. It is concluded that while man did not exist during this period, precursors of man more intelligent than any of the living anthropoids did exist.

Pithecanthropus erectus is considered as the immediate precursor of man. The Calaveras skull is rejected. The paleolithic period is considered as corresponding to the early quarternary, and 222,000 years is assigned as the length of this period. Add to this number 10,000 years for the protoblastic and neolithic periods and 6,000 years more for the historic period, and we have 238,000 years, which is, according to the author, a moderate estimate of man's antiquity.

A Polley Approved.

"No," said the policeman kindly, but firmly, "you cannot photograph that statue."

"Why not?" asked the tourist. "Because it is against the law." The tourist looked at the statue in question, a massive piece of contract work, and then answered:

"Well, I don't blame you. It's always decenter for people to keep their troubles to themselves instead of letting them be advertised all over the country."—Washington Star.

What Puzzles Young America. It is a puzzle to the modern youth how so many old duffers managed to get along in the world without the knowledge of things in general possessed by the modern youth.—Boston Transcript.

The Laborer's Strike.

With a view to settling the strike among the laborers in Montclair and

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Exempt Firemen's Election.

The Exempt Firemen's Association at a meeting in Excelsior Hose House Tuesday night elected former Chief Bernard F. Higgins as President, to succeed William U. Oakes, resigned. There were three candidates for the office. Higgins had one majority over Charles H. Johnson. The vote was: Higgins 11, Johnson 10, and William Douglas 5. The election was made unanimous. Charles A. Keyler was elected representative to the relief association in place of Mr. Oakes. Louis Schley and Thomas Cogan were elected members of the association.

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